MEMORIAL TO AVIATORS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE WORLD WAR

FEBRUARY 10, 1925.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. Luce, from the Committee on the Library, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. J. Res. 167]

S. J. Res. 167 would authorize the erection on public grounds in the city of Washington, of a memorial to those who gave their lives to their country in the aviation service of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps in the World War. The erection of Army memorials has begun with that of the First Division in front of the State, War, and Navy Building. A site has been granted for a Navy memorial. action has yet been taken, however, toward a memorial to the aviators who gave their lives. The mother of one of them, Mrs. Louis Bennett, of New York City, wishes to give a memorial that shall commemorate their sacrifice. Her son was an officer of the Air Service of the Army and was killed in France after destroying two German balloons. She has already placed memorials in England and France. That which she wishes to place here is the work of one of America's leading sculptors, Augustus Lukeman, and it is believed will be a distinct ornament to the Capital. As usual, the bill provides for approval by the Joint Committee on the Library, which acts under the advice of the Commission on Fine Arts, and the location is also subject to the usual approval.

Your committee recommends the acceptance of the gift.

The title of the Senate resolution correctly describes the purpose, but it is not fully set forth in the body of the resolution, and therefore your committee advises that the resolution be amended by inserting after line 3, on page 2, the words "those who gave their lives to their country in the aviation service of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps in the World War, among them," so as to read:

The said memorial to be a gift to the people of the United States in memory of those who gave their lives to their country in the aviation service of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps in the World War, among them her son, Lieutenant Louis Bennett, who was shot down in action on August 24, 1918, after destroying two German balloons.

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